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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CALENDAR

Semester System

Day Program

Fall Semester 2003 August

August	19	New faculty assemble
August	20	Opening Session
August	26-29	New student orientation
September	1	Labor Day-College Closed
September	2	Registration for new and returning Day students not prepaid. Advisors for freshman, transfer and readmitted students are available. Late registration fee after this date. Fair on the Square, LaFayette Square 5:00 p.m.
September	3	All Classes Begin Opening Convocation at First United Methodist Church
September	5	End drop/add period and late registration. No refunds for individual courses dropped after 5:00 p.m. "I" grades must be changed to permanent grades.
September	25	Named Scholarship Luncheon
September	30	Last day to drop a class with an automatic "W"
October	6,7	Interim Term Pre-registration
October	9-10	Fall Break-No Classes
October	17	Midterm. Board of Trustees Meeting
October	17-19	Homecoming
October	27-31	Advising period and pre-registration for Day program students. Students completing degree requirements by end of fall term should file petitions for graduation. Students may declare majors. Advisors available.
November	6	Last day to drop a class
November	22	Fall Visitation Day
November	25	Last Day of Classes before Thanksgiving Break

November	26-28	Thanksgiving holidays. Administrative offices open
	November	24-26.
December	1	Classes resume after Thanksgiving Break
December	2-7	Celebrate the Servant Week
December	5	Last Day of Fall Semester Classes for Day College.
December	8-12	Final Exams
December	12	Begin term break, 5:00 p.m.
December	19	Grades due. Last day to pre-pay or confirm pre-registration for Interim and Spring Terms 2004; otherwise, pre-registered students must go through registration, January 2, 2004.
December	24	Holidays for administration and staff begin at 12:00 p.m.
December	29-31	Administrative offices open.

Interim Term January 2004

January	1	Administrative offices closed.
January	2	Residence halls open. Registration for new and returning Day students. Advisors for freshman, transfer and readmitted students are available. Evening College, joint enrollment and graduate registration. Night and graduate advisors are available. Late registration fee after this date. Mandatory First Meeting for all Interim Classes
January	5	End Drop/Add. No refund for individual classes dropped after this date. Last day for late registration
January	16	Last day to drop a class with an automatic "W"
January	19	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - College closed. No Classes.
January	30	Last day of class
February	4	Interim Term Grades due

Spring Semester February 2004

February	6	Day program registration for new and returning students not prepaid. Advisors for freshman, transfer and readmitted students are available.
February	9	Classes begin - Interim Term Grades due

February	16	End drop/add at 5:00 p.m. No refund for individual classes dropped after this date. "I" grades must be changed to permanent grades. Last day for late registration.
February	13-14	Scholars' Weekend
March	5	Last day to drop a class with an automatic "W"
March	6	Spring Visitation Day
March	22	Midterm.
March 29-April 2		Advising period and pre-registration for upper class Day program students. Students completing degree requirements in summer or fall should file petitions for graduation. Students may declare majors. Advisors available
April	5-9	Spring break Administrative offices open
April	9	Good Friday-Closed at 12:00 noon
April	16	Last day to drop a class Board of Trustees Meeting
April	26-30	Pre-Registration for Interim Travel Projects
April	30	Honors Day
April 30-May 1		Family Weekend
May	1	May Day
May	12	Last day of class for Day Program
May	14-19	Final Exams
May	20	GRADES DUE FOR GRADUATES BY 12:00 P.M.
May	21	Graduation rehearsal, faculty marshals and student marshals attend. Senior brunch, faculty invited. Baccalaureate at First United Methodist Church. All faculty should plan to attend. Grades due 5:00 p.m.
May	22	Graduation on Quadrangle. 8:30 a.m.
May	31	Memorial Day - College closed.

Summer I Term 2004

June	1	Residence halls open
June	2	Registration
June	3	All classes meet
June	4	End drop/add at 5:00 p.m. No refund for individual classes dropped after this date.
June	11	Last day to drop a class with an automatic "W"
June	25	Last day to drop a course
June	30	Departmental Annual Reports due in Dean's Office.
July	5	July 4th College Holiday--no classes
July	7	12:00 and 2:00 classes have exams during class times 7:30 and 9:30 classes have exams during class times
July	8	Grade reports due at noon.

Summer II Term 2004

July	8	Residence halls open Registration, Registrar's Office, Smith Hall
July	9	All classes meet
July	12	End drop/add No refund for individual classes dropped after this date.
July	19	Last day to drop a class with an automatic "W"
August	2	Last day to drop a class
August	11	12:00 and 2:00 classes have exams during class times
August	12	7:30 and 9:30 classes have exams during class times
August	13	Grade reports due by noon.

ABOUT LAGRANGE COLLEGE

General Information

The *LaGrange College Graduate Bulletin* is subordinate to the *LaGrange College Bulletin*. All policies not specifically addressed in this *Graduate Bulletin* are detailed in the *LaGrange College Bulletin*. This *Graduate Bulletin* details policies, procedures, degrees, and courses that are unique to the graduate program. Inquiries regarding policies not covered should be addressed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean.

The College reserves the right to make modifications in the degree requirements, courses, schedules, calendar, regulations, fees, and other changes deemed necessary or conducive to the efficient operation of the College. Such changes become effective as announced by the proper College authorities.

Mission

LaGrange College is called through The United Methodist Church to challenge the minds and inspire the souls of students by improving their creative, critical and communicative abilities in a caring and ethical community.

LaGrange College, established in 1831, is owned by the North Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church. LaGrange College is proud of this relationship and believes that its mission is an extension of the work of The United Methodist Church. LaGrange College is committed to the free, uninhibited pursuit of truth. Academic freedom and free expression of faculty and students are integral to the LaGrange College ethos. LaGrange College is committed to challenging the minds and inspiring the souls of students by improving their creative, critical and communicative abilities. Faculty recognize the part they play in a student's development by serving as mentors and role models. The total LaGrange College program -- curricular and co-curricular -- is designed to challenge and support students as they deal with fundamental issues of self, world, and God.

The principal curricular methods by which the College assists students in the improving of their creative, critical, and communicative abilities is an interdisciplinary, technologically sophisticated liberal arts program (A.A., B.A., B.S., B.M.), professional programs in business (B.S., B.A., M.B.A.), nursing (B.S.N.) and education (B.A., M.Ed., M.A.T.), and continuing education. The principal co-curricular means is through a comprehensive program of student life and athletics. LaGrange College strives to be a caring and ethical community. The hallmark of the LaGrange College community is

the quest for civility, diversity, service, and excellence. *Adopted by Faculty, Administration, and Board of Trustees, 1997.*

Accreditation

LaGrange College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097: Telephone number 404-679-4501) to award the degrees of Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, and Master of Business Administration.

LaGrange College is also approved by the United Methodist University Senate. It has membership in the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and the Georgia Foundation for Independent Colleges.

The Georgia Professional Standards Commission, which confers professional certificates upon college graduates meeting requirements in early childhood, middle grades, or secondary education, has awarded highest approval to LaGrange College's program of teacher education.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the National League for Nursing.

The undergraduate and graduate programs in business administration are accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Payment of Charges

All charges for the semester are due and payable at the beginning of the term, and each student is expected to make satisfactory arrangements at that time.

Students who pre-register and pay in advance of the deadline each semester are not required to attend final registration. Students completing registration after the Registration Day will be assessed a Late Registration fee.

Realizing that some families prefer to pay on a monthly basis, the College has an arrangement with Academic Management Services to offer families this option. The plan is an agreement between the student and the company; there is no involvement by LaGrange College in the agreement. For additional information, contact the Business Office. The College also offers a deferred payment option that allows students to make monthly payments to cover educational costs. Interest will be assessed to students utilizing this option.

Expenses

1. Admission	
Application for admission (non-refundable)	20.00
2. Tuition	
A. Graduate (MED and MAT) education courses per credit hour	591.00
3. Fees — Miscellaneous	
Late registration	50.00
Personal checks failing to clear	25.00
Student Identification Card replacement fee	5.00
Parking Permit	15.00

Refund Policies

No refund of any nature will be made to any student who is suspended or dismissed for disciplinary reasons.

No refund will be made for individual courses dropped after dates established by the school calendar.

Refunds will be processed within thirty (30) days of notification of an “official withdrawal.” An official withdrawal date is defined by:

- the earlier of date student began school’s withdrawal process or date student otherwise provided “official” notice; or
- if student did not notify school, the midpoint in the term; or the date of student’s last attendance at documented academically-related activity; or
- if student did not notify due to circumstances beyond student’s control, date related to that circumstance.

Refund Policy—Complete Withdrawal

A student withdrawing from the College must submit a **Complete Withdrawal Form**, which is available in the Registrar's Office. The student should also consult the Financial Aid Office and the Business Office to determine the financial consequences of a **Complete Withdrawal**.

The Department of Education requires all unearned Title IV funds to be returned to the program from which such aid was awarded. The College will credit the student's account for all unearned institutional charges. The Department of Education defines institutional charges as "all charges for tuition, fees, and room and board, and expenses for required course materials, if the student does not have a real and reasonable opportunity to purchase the required course materials from any place but the school."

In the event of a **Complete Withdrawal**, refunds of institutional charges will be calculated as follows: The College calculates the amount of Title IV (federal grant and loan) funds the student has earned during the term by dividing the number of days a student actually completes by the total number of days within the term (excluding breaks). The resulting percentage is multiplied by the amount of federal funds that were applied to the student's account. This is the amount the student actually earned. The remainder is returned to the federal program. If the resulting percentage is 60 percent or greater, the student will have earned 100 percent of the federal funds. Tuition credits will be applied to the student's account in the same manner as the return of federal funds. After the student has completed 60 percent of the term, there will be no refund of institutional charges.

In certain cases, these refund requirements may leave an indebtedness on the student's account. This may also require the student to reimburse the Department of Education for some or all of the applicable Federal Pell and SEOG funds. It is therefore imperative that the students fully discuss the ramifications of a **Complete Withdrawal** with the Financial Aid Office prior to making a final decision.

A student will not receive a refund until all financial aid programs have been reimbursed. Refunds will be returned in the order indicated below:

- Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan Program
- Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan Program
- Federal Perkins Loan Program
- Federal PLUS Program
- Federal Pell Grant Program
- Federal SEOG Program
- Other Title IV Programs
- Other state, private, or institutional assistance programs
- To the student

Credit Balances

Students who have a credit balance on their student account may obtain a credit balance refund within fourteen (14) calendar days whichever is the latest of:

- the date the balance occurs,
- the first day of classes of a payment period or enrollment period, as applicable, or
- the date the student rescinds authorization given the school to hold the funds.

Federal Tax Credits

The Tax Reform Act of 1997 provided two tax credits for higher education. The "Hope Scholarship Credit" provides up to a \$1,500 tax credit for the first two years of postsecondary education in a program that leads to a degree,

certificate, or other recognized educational credential. The student must be enrolled at least halftime. Qualified expenses are for tuition and fees and do not include room, board, books, insurance, and other similar expenses.

The "Lifetime Learning Credit" provides up to a \$2,000 per year tax credit per family. These tax credits are phased out as the modified adjusted gross income exceeds certain limits. Please check with your tax advisor regarding these limits.

For additional information about these credits, please consult the Business Office or your tax preparer.

Miscellaneous

- Depending upon individual requirements, a student may expect to spend \$750 to \$1,000 per year on books and personal expenses.
- All students must present proof of health insurance at the time of registration and complete a waiver form including provider name and policy number. If the student does not have insurance, the College will assess the student for limited coverage group sickness and accident insurance coverage.
- Official transcripts and diplomas are withheld for any student who has a financial obligation owed to LaGrange College.

FINANCIAL AID

Philosophy

LaGrange College believes that the student should contribute to the educational expenses of attending a college or university to the extent of their ability. The Financial Aid Office is available to assist students in meeting the difference between the cost of education at LaGrange College and what the student can contribute. The Financial Aid Office at LaGrange College attempts to defray the cost of education from all available Federal, State, and institutional sources. The student should be prepared to assume a measure of responsibility in meeting educational expenses through self-help financial aid sources such as student loans.

General Information

Students in need of financial assistance must complete a federal need analysis form, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA collects student and spousal, if applicable, income and asset information needed to determine eligibility for financial aid. This information is used in a federal need analysis calculation to determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

The Financial Aid Office establishes a Cost of Attendance Budget that discloses the annual costs for a student to attend LaGrange College. The Cost of Attendance includes tuition, fees, room, board, books and supplies, and living expenses. Other components of the Cost of Attendance, which is applied on an individual basis, are childcare expenses, study abroad, and the purchase of a computer. These items may require documentation from the student. Below is the Cost of Attendance Budgets for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Master of Education	\$19,739
Master of Arts in Teaching	\$22,977

The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is deducted from the Cost of Attendance at LaGrange College to determine whether a need for financial assistance exists. If the student's EFC is less than the Cost of Attendance, a financial need is established. The Financial Aid Office attempts to meet the financial need of applicants from federal, state, and institutional sources.

Financial Aid Application Procedures

Applicants for financial aid must:

- Apply and be accepted as a regular degree-seeking student in an eligible program at LaGrange College. *Students conditionally accepted into a master's program are not eligible for financial assistance until all admission requirements are met for entry into their chosen program. This includes submission of GRE or Praxis test scores.*
- Complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a Renewal FAFSA annually.
- Complete and submit a LaGrange College Financial Aid Application.
- Submit all required documents for verification if selected.

Verification

Verification is the process of evaluating the accuracy of financial information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The U.S. Department of Education randomly selects approximately 30% of all financial aid applications for verification. The Financial Aid Office may select additional applications for verification if conflicting or incomplete information exists. A financial aid award cannot be provided until the verification process is completed.

Students selected for verification will be asked to verify, at a minimum, the following: adjusted gross income, federal income tax paid, earned income credit, family size, number of family members in college, and untaxed income. Most students will be asked to complete a verification worksheet and provide copies of applicable federal tax returns. If discrepancies are found during verification, the Financial Aid Office will transmit the corrected information to the Central Processor. The results are usually received within seven days. Once the corrected financial aid information is received and provided all other eligibility requirements are met, an official financial aid award letter will be mailed.

Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

In general, to be eligible for financial assistance, the applicant must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien of the United States
- Be accepted for admission or currently enrolled in an approved degree-seeking or teacher certification program

- Be making Satisfactory Academic Progress towards the completion of your degree program
- Not be in default on any federal educational loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay the loan
- Not owe a refund on a federal or state grant
- Not have borrowed in excess of federal loan limits
- Be registered with Selective Service, if required

Student Financial Aid Rights and Responsibilities

Students have the right to know:

- The procedures for applying for financial assistance and eligibility requirements
- Financial aid resources available and eligibility requirements
- Refunds and Repayment Policy in the event of complete withdrawal from school
- Cost of Attendance at LaGrange College
- Deadlines for applying for financial aid
- When and how your financial aid award will be disbursed
- Your loan indebtedness and estimated monthly payments
- Academic Programs available at LaGrange College
- Name of associations and agencies accrediting the institution and its programs
- Campus Security Statistics
- Athletic Program Participation Rates and Financial Support Data
- Completion and Graduation Rates

Students have the responsibility to:

- Submit complete and accurate financial aid applications.
- Observe all deadlines for submission of financial aid documents.
- Maintain regular class attendance in all courses for which financial assistance was awarded.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress towards the completion of their chosen degree or certification.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office and lenders of any change in address or name.
- Complete required Entrance and Exit Interviews for Federal Stafford and Federal Perkins Loan.

- Respond to all communications regarding student loans and financial aid awards.
- Comply with all eligibility requirements for financial aid award funds.
- Be conscientious in attendance and quality of work when participating in a work-study job.
- Repay student loan(s) received for education pursuits regardless of whether he/she graduates.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office of any financial assistance to be received from an external source (VA Educational Assistance, Vocational Rehabilitation, Employer Reimbursement etc.)

Financial Aid Sources

Financial assistance for graduate study is primarily limited to student loans and a few state and institutional grants or scholarships. Available financial aid sources are outlined below.

Federal Stafford Loan is a low interest, repayable loan available to undergraduate and graduate students regardless of income. The interest rate is variable on Stafford loans but will not exceed 8.25%. The interest rate is adjusted each July 1. Federal Stafford Loans allow for a six (6) month grace period before the borrower begins repayment. Borrowers have a maximum of ten (10) years to repay their student loan(s). Loans are available through banks, credit unions, and other lending institutions. The only qualification for receiving a Federal Stafford Loan is to meet the eligibility requirements for financial assistance. The student is not subject to credit approval for this loan. All eligible financial aid participants may borrow from the Federal Stafford Loan program.

The Stafford Loan Program is composed of two loan types, subsidized and unsubsidized. A *subsidized loan* is awarded on the basis of financial need. Subsidized loan borrowers will not pay interest on the loan while enrolled in school, during the grace period or during authorized periods of deferment. The federal government pays the interest. An *unsubsidized loan* is not awarded on the basis of financial need. Any student regardless of income may participate in this loan program. However, interest does accrue while the student is enrolled in school, during the grace period, and during periods of deferment. The borrower has the options of paying the accrued interest or having the interest capitalized. Capitalization adds the interest to the principal amount of your loan. This option will increase your loan indebtedness.

The maximum Federal Stafford Loan a graduate student may borrow each academic year is \$18,500--\$8,500 from the Federal Subsidized Loan and \$10,000 from the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan. The Federal Stafford Loan Program has a maximum aggregate (lifetime) limit on the amount of funds a student may borrow. The aggregate loan limit for graduate students is \$138,500, which includes loans received as an undergraduate student.

Federal Perkins Loan is a low interest, repayable loan awarded to undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. The interest rate is 5% and no interest accrues on the loan while the borrower is enrolled half time and during the grace period. Repayment begins nine months after graduating or withdrawal from school. This loan program has cancellation provisions for critical fields of study. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Loan Repayment Chart

Amount Borrowed	Number of Payments	5% Payment	5% Total Interest	8.25% Payment	8.25% Total Interest
\$ 1,000	18	\$ 58	\$ 40	\$ 59	\$ 67
2,000	36	60	158	63	265
2,625	48	60	277	64	466
3,000	60	57	397	61	671
3,500	72	56	558	62	949
4,000	84	57	749	63	1279
5,000	120	53	1364	61	2359
5,500	120	58	1500	67	2595
6,000	120	64	1637	74	2831
7,000	120	74	1910	86	3303
8,000	120	85	2182	98	3775
8,500	120	90	2319	104	4011
9,000	120	95	2455	110	4246
10,000	120	106	2728	123	4718
11,000	120	117	3001	135	5190
12,000	120	127	3273	147	5662
13,000	120	138	3546	159	6134
14,000	120	148	3819	172	6606
15,000	120	159	4092	184	7077
16,000	120	170	4365	196	7549
17,000	120	180	4637	208	8021
18,000	120	191	4910	221	8493
19,000	120	202	5183	233	8965
20,000	120	212	5456	245	9437
21,000	120	223	5729	257	9908
22,000	120	233	6001	270	10380
23,000	120	244	6274	282	10852
24,000	120	255	6547	294	11324
25,000	120	265	6820	307	11796
26,000	120	276	7092	319	12268
27,000	120	286	7365	331	12739
28,000	120	297	7638	343	13211
29,000	120	308	7911	356	13683
30,000	120	318	8184	368	14155

Loan Repayment

Student loans are excellent sources of financial assistance in defraying education costs. However, borrowers should always remember that they are obligated to repay these loans. LaGrange College encourages students to borrow responsibly. The chart on the previous page provides typical repayment information of student loans and assumes that Unsubsidized Stafford Loan borrowers paying accrued interest while enrolled and during their grace period.

Georgia Student Assistance Programs

HOPE Teacher Scholarship provides forgivable loans to graduate students who are residents of Georgia and are pursuing an advanced educational degree in a critical field. Contact the financial aid office for more information.

LaGrange College Financial Assistance Programs

LaGrange College Teacher Discount is available to teachers holding a clear and renewable or provisional teaching certificate at the T4 level who teach in school systems in Troup, Meriwether, Coweta, Harris, Heard, Randolph or Chambers counties pursuing a Master of Education or Master of Arts in Teaching degree. The discount is 25% of assessed tuition only. This discount cannot be received in conjunction with any other discount offered by LaGrange College. To receive the discount, submit a copy of your teaching contract to the Financial Aid office.

Disbursement of Financial Aid

All financial aid funds are credited directly to the student's account. The funds are applied towards current tuition, fees, room, board, and other charges as authorized by the student. Financial aid funds are for educational expenses and those students who fail to enroll or attend classes are not eligible for their financial aid award. Disbursements will only be made to students who have submitted all required documents for disbursement, are registered and have begun attendance in all classes, are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, and are enrolled for the appropriate number of credit hours to establish eligibility for individual financial aid programs. Financial aid disbursements are based on the recipient's enrollment status at the conclusion of late registration. Below are individual enrollment and eligibility requirements for disbursement of financial aid programs.

Disbursement of Excess Financial Aid

Students with residual financial aid funds after tuition, fees, room, board, and other authorized charges are paid will receive a refund of the remaining credit balance within 14 days of the first day of classes or 14 days from the date the credit occurs (if after final registration). All refunds must be retrieved from the Business Office and requires a picture ID before disbursement.

If the student wishes to leave the credit balance on their account for subsequent terms, he/she must sign an authorization form with the Business Office.

Student Financial Aid and Federal Tax Implications

Students receiving scholarships and grants that exceed their tuition, fees, book and supplies should be aware that these funds are taxable under federal and state tax law. It is important that students maintain records of their grants and scholarships and documentation of educational expenses for reporting purposes.

Federal tax law allows for only qualified scholarships and grants to be excluded from income. Qualified scholarships are any amount of grant and scholarship received that is used for tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for course instruction. Scholarships and grants that are specifically designated for educational expenses other than those described under qualified scholarships (room, board, transportation, or living expenses) are taxable.

For information, please read IRS Publication 520, "Scholarships and Fellowships," for more details on reporting requirements or consult a tax professional.

Suspected Fraud

Institutions are required to report cases of suspected fraud to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Education, or, if more appropriate, to the state or local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction to investigate these allegations. Fraud may exist if the institution believes the applicant misreported or altered information in order to increase their financial aid eligibility or fraudulently obtain federal funds.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

Orientation and Advisement

Prospective and newly admitted graduate students in the M.Ed. and M.A.T. programs are initially oriented and advised by the Chair of the Education Division. At this time, the Chair orients the student to the program and to the College. Additional orientation is handled for the M.A.T. program during summer classes when students enter as a cohort group.

The Chair will assign graduate students to members of the program faculty, taking into account the total number of advisees being counseled by each faculty member in the graduate and undergraduate programs. Prior to the beginning of each academic term, graduate students meet with their graduate advisor to review their progress toward graduation and to schedule classes for the coming term. The faculty in the Education program utilizes exit interviews with their graduates to assess the effectiveness of their advising and orientation programs and to revise these efforts as needed.

Class Attendance Regulations

A student is expected to attend all classes, including labs, for all courses for which he or she is registered. The student is solely responsible for accounting to the instructor for any absence. An instructor may recommend that the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean drop from class, with a grade of "W" or "WF", any student whose absences are interfering with satisfactory performance in the course.

Academic Calendars

The Graduate programs in Education follow the 4-1-4 academic calendar of the Day program. The calendar is printed at the front of this bulletin.

Probation and Dismissal

A. Probation

Graduate students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 at the end of a term or who fail to make sufficient academic progress will be placed on academic probation. The students will receive a letter from the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean informing them of their status. Students may remain on academic probation for two terms. The Summer Term is considered a regular term in the College's graduate programs. These students are no longer on probation when their cumulative GPA becomes 3.0 or above. In the event that their GPA does not rise to 3.0 or above within two consecutive terms

from the date of academic probation, the students are subject to dismissal from the College. Only graduate courses taken at LaGrange College will be used to compute GPA.

B. Dismissal

Graduate students may not be dismissed from graduate studies for academic reasons unless they were first placed on academic probation. Graduate students who have been dismissed from graduate studies normally will not be readmitted unless it is mathematically possible that they can achieve a GPA of 3.0 or above prior to completing standard degree requirements. Students who are dismissed for academic reasons may appeal their dismissal to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean within ten (10) working days following receipt of their notice.

Honor Code

Students at LaGrange College sign the Honor Code, which states,

As a member of the student body of LaGrange College, I confirm my commitment to the ideals of civility, diversity, service, and excellence. Recognizing the significance of personal integrity in establishing these ideals within our community, I pledge that I will not lie, cheat, steal, nor tolerate these unethical behaviors in others.

The Honor Council deals with students accused of violating the Honor Code. The Honor Council is selected each spring by the outgoing Chair of the Honor Council, The Dean of Students, and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. A member of the faculty serves as advisor. Members of the faculty are strongly urged to support the efforts of the Honor Council by reporting all suspected violations of the Honor Code. The Honor Code assumes that any student witnessing or otherwise having knowledge of an Honor Code violation will report the violation to the course instructor, the Chair of the Honor Council, or the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. (For a complete description of the Honor Code, please see the *Student Handbook*.)

The following are violations of the Honor Code:

1. Lying.
2. Cheating by either giving aid to or receiving aid from a student or other source without the consent of the faculty member or plagiarizing (using another person's words or ideas without documenting them properly).

3. Stealing (intentionally taking or appropriating without the right or permission any individual, organizational, or institutional property. This includes, but is not limited to, stealing off campus, stealing from any person or business representatives on this campus, stealing from a computer company or any other computer-related theft, from the telephone system, vending machines, a residence hall visitor, or any other business while it is on this campus, and removal of any material or equipment from the Library or other facilities without permission.)
4. Failure to report a violation of the Honor Code.
5. Failure to appear before the Honor Council as requested by written notice.
6. Failure to maintain confidentiality regarding an Honor Council case.

Sanctions include: a grade of F in the course; suspension for one academic term; dismissal from the College; or lowering the final grade in the course by one letter or assigning a grade of zero to the related academic work (assignments, tests, case study, etc.). An investigation and hearing shall be confidential and those within the bounds of confidentiality shall not divulge anything that is said or done with regard to these proceedings to anyone outside the bounds of confidentiality. Should anyone outside the bounds of confidentiality receive information which is considered to be confidential, he or she will automatically be bound by confidentiality. Those within the bounds of confidentiality include Council members, the faculty advisor to the Council, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, the President, accusers, the accused, witnesses, persons interviewed during the investigation, victims, and the College's attorney. In addition, the accused may include within the bounds of confidentiality his or her parents, faculty, staff, minister, personal or legal counsel.

All tests at the College are conducted under the Honor Code. Accordingly, instructors may leave the room during the examination and students are on their honor to do their own work. The Honor Code should be abbreviated on the outside of the test and signed by the student before handing in the examination. The student should leave all books and materials not pertaining to the test either in the hall outside the classroom, or next to the wall in front of the classroom. Students should take the test in the designated classroom, except under extenuating circumstances or by prior arrangement.

Work prepared out of class should be that of the individual. Any assistance from fellow students, books, periodicals, or other materials should be carefully acknowledged. Instructors should give specific guidance regarding what constitutes a violation of the Honor Code. If any doubts about plagiarism arise, a question should be raised by the instructor.

A student should never copy a section of an old term paper and submit it as his or her own, and the student should be guided in the use of these materials by the wishes of the instructor.

Every person found to have violated the Honor Code has the right of subsequent appeal.

Such appeal is made to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. The Appeals Board shall be the President of the Student Government Association, the Appeals Representative of the Honor Council, a student member selected for each Appeals hearing selected by the Academic Dean and the President of the Honor Council, the President or Past President of the Faculty Assembly, and the Academic Dean. The appeal is heard from the record of the Honor Council hearing, the attending written statement of the student requesting the appeal, and the written statement of the Honor Council President. The Appeals Board has the discretion to overturn the Council's decision and/or change a sanction imposed by the Council, but it is confined to the approved sanctions in the Honor Code.

Academic Appeals

Graduate students at LaGrange College have the right to appeal academic decisions including grades. Appeals by students must be in writing and the response to the student must be written. Appeals must first be submitted to the level which originated the decision.

A. Grade Appeals

An appeal of a grade must be submitted first to the professor who assigned the grade. If not resolved satisfactorily, the appeal must be submitted in writing to the Graduate Council. The chair of the Graduate Council will appoint a subcommittee of three committee members, none from the originating department. Their decision is final.

B. Other Academic Appeals

Appeals other than grades should be filed in the following order if not resolved at a lower level: Professor, Department Chair, Division Chair, the Graduate Council, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean, and ultimately, the President. As an example, an appeal of a policy or decision must be submitted to the department. An appeal of a College requirement must be submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean.

Grades and Credits

The definitions of grades given at LaGrange College are as follows:

- A superior
- B above average
- C average
- D below average
- F failing
- I incomplete. This grade is assigned in case a student is doing satisfactory work but for some reason beyond the student's control has been unable to complete the work during that term.
- P pass
- NC no credit or non-credit
- W withdrawn. During the first three weeks a student may withdraw from a class with an "automatic" "W." After this trial period the student may withdraw, but the grade assigned, "W" or "WF," will be at the discretion of the professor.
- WF withdrawn failing. The grade of "WF" is included in computing the grade-point average.
- AW audit withdrawn
- AU audit complete
- NR grade not reported by instructor at the time the report issued.

A student may register for a course on a non-credit basis, for which he or she pays full tuition. To have a grade of "NC" recorded, he or she must fulfill all course requirements.

A student may audit a course by paying the audit fee. All requests for audit courses must be approved in writing by the instructor and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. Only lecture courses may be audited. No new freshman student may audit any course during the first semester of residence at LaGrange College.

An "I" is a temporary grade, assigned by an instructor within the last three weeks of the term to students who are doing satisfactory work and who cannot complete the course due to circumstances beyond their control. Should conditions prohibiting completion of a course arise within the first eight weeks, students should withdraw.

An "I" is removed by the date indicated in the academic calendar. Failure to remove an "I" by the date set initiates the following action: The Registrar will write a letter to the student using the address on file. The letter indicates that the student has two weeks to respond. Otherwise the "I" grade will be converted to an "F".

Grades are assigned and recorded for each course at the end of each term. Formal reports of grades are also issued at the same time. Transcripts are withheld for any student who is under financial obligation to the College.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSES: GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Introduction

The Education Department of LaGrange College offers two masters degree programs. The Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) induction program is an alternative route to certification designed for those with a four-year degree who wish to become secondary teachers in high schools or middle schools. The Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction (M.Ed.) is an advanced degree for practicing educators.

Application for Admission to Programs

Admission Requirements: Master of Arts in Teaching

Students apply for admission to LaGrange College graduate programs through the Graduate Admission Office. At the time of admission, all students are assigned an academic advisor. Ordinarily, candidates for the M.A.T. induction program begin courses in June of one year and conclude the program in July of the following year. The Admission Office will maintain records of admission and supporting documents, a checklist of entry requirements, and candidacy status. Transcripts and coursework will be examined to determine appropriateness for the M.A.T. induction program. Candidates are required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

For **unconditional** acceptance to the Master of Arts in Teaching program, an applicant must:

1. submit satisfactory official transcripts from each graduate and undergraduate institution attended;
2. supply three letters of recommendation;
3. complete an interview with members of the Education Faculty;
4. provide criminal background check and verify that no criminal record or dishonorable discharge from the armed services will prevent teacher certification;
5. earn a minimum score on the TOEFL exam of at least 550 if English is not the applicant's primary language;
6. provide passing scores for the Praxis I requirement; and
7. present a completed application with a non-refundable \$20.00 fee.

Admission Requirements: Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

For **unconditional** acceptance to the Master of Education program, an applicant must:

1. submit official transcripts from each graduate and undergraduate institution attended;
2. forward a total score of 800 or above on the quantitative and verbal sections of the Graduate Record Examination **or** a score of 30 or above on the Miller's Analogy Test (the scores for either test must be less than five years old);
3. supply three letters of recommendation;
4. earn a minimum score on the TOEFL exam of at least 550 if English is not the applicant's primary language;
5. complete an interview with members of the Education Faculty if the Department Chair determines that such an interview is necessary;
6. possess a state-approved teaching certificate;
7. verify that no criminal record or discharge from the armed services will prevent continuing teacher certification; and
8. present a completed application with a non-refundable \$20.00 fee.

Conditional Admission

Conditional: if one or more of the admission requirements is not completed, students may be admitted on a conditional basis. The student has one academic term in which to remove the conditional status. Failure to do so will result in being dropped from the program.

Teacher Certification

The M.A.T. induction program requires an internship component in schools either through a provisional certificate or field experiences. Candidates will be recommended for initial certification in the State of Georgia at level 5, Masters Level, when they have completed program coursework satisfactorily and met the Praxis II requirement. Those completing the M.Ed. program are also completing requirements for level 5. Some M.Ed. candidates may choose to work with faculty members in developing a portfolio for National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) certification.

Grades

All graduate programs require the student to maintain a grade point of 3.0. No credit toward the degree will be awarded for any grade below 2.0 (C).

Time Limitations

Candidates must complete all requirements for their degree within five years starting from the date of admission to the program. All courses or requirements that do not meet this requirement must be repeated.

Transfer Credit

With the approval of the Department Chair, up to 6 semester hours of credit in appropriate courses from an accredited degree program may be applied toward a degree. Petitions for approval of transfer credit should be made to the Department Chair. The final 12 hours of study must be completed at LaGrange College.

Candidacy

Admission to graduate study does not constitute admission to candidacy for a masters degree. Students must complete 18 semester hours of graduate credit with an overall grade average of 3.0 (B) or higher on graduate courses taken. No grades below a 2.0 (C) will be accepted. In the event a student does not meet candidacy requirements after 18 semester hours, the student will be placed on probationary status. The student has two semesters in which to remove the probationary status. Failure to do so will result in being dropped from the program. All requests for exceptions must be addressed to the Department Chair.

Graduation Requirements

Master of Arts in Teaching

All candidates shall successfully complete 36 semester hours with a 3.0 (B) average or better, complete internship or student teaching, and make an Exit Presentation. The Exit Presentation consists of a portfolio review, reflections to the group on teaching and learning experiences in schools, and a teaching video clip.

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

All candidates shall successfully complete 30 hours of coursework with a 3.0 (B) average or better and complete and present their Graduate Field Project.

Extension and Correspondence

Graduate credit is not allowed for work done in extension or by correspondence.

Course Load

The M.Ed. And M.A.T full-time course load is 6 semester hours. Loads may not be exceeded without permission from the Department Chair and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean.

Applying for Graduation

One semester prior to the anticipated date of graduation, the graduate candidate must file, through the advisor, an application for graduation with the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. Any changes must be approved by the advisor and the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean. The applications for graduation are available from the Education Department office.

Guidance and Counseling

1. Upon acceptance, the student is assigned an advisor.
2. With the help of the advisor, each student plans a program of study to satisfy the requirements of the selected masters program.
3. In order to establish definite goals as well as intermediate objectives, a periodic checklist and definite timetable will be mutually agreed upon by the student and advisor.
4. Students are responsible for seeking advisement and meeting graduation requirements.

Courses

Master of Arts in Teaching

Course	Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 6010	Assessment and Accountability	3
EDUC 6020	Educational Technology	3
EDUC 5020	Methods of Teaching and Learning	3
EDUC 5030	Research in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction	3
EDUC 5040	Affirming Diversity in the Classroom	3
EDUC 5060	Secondary Students with Special Needs	3
EDUC 5700	Internship I	4
EDUC 5700	Internship II	8
EDUC 6030	Problems in Reading	3
EDUC 6040	Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction	3
Total		36

Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction

Course	Title	Credit Hours
EDUC 6010	Assessment and Accountability	3
EDUC 6020	Educational Technology	3
EDUC 6030	Problems in Reading	3
EDUC 6040	Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction	3
EDUC 6050	Historical Perspectives of Education	3
PSYC 5504	Advanced Educational Psychology	3
EDUC 6060	Literature Across the Curriculum	3
EDUC 6070	Contemporary Issues in Curriculum and Instruction	3
EDUC 6080	Differentiated Instruction and Student Diversity	3
EDUC 6080L	Graduate Field Project	0
EDUC 6090	Educational Research	3
Total		30

Course Descriptions

EDUC 5020 Methods of Teaching and Learning (3)

This course explores secondary teaching and learning from a pedagogic perspective. Models of teaching will be studied and applied. Includes field experience components.

EDUC 5030 Research in Secondary Curriculum and Instruction (3)

Course focuses upon historical, descriptive, and experimental inquiry. Emphasis on interpretation of research, particularly in secondary curriculum and instruction. Overview of the inquiry process, fundamental statistics, issues of reliability and validity, and landmark research impacting educational practice.

EDUC 5040 Affirming Diversity in the Classroom (3)

This course affirms student diversity and focuses upon the need for teachers to use a variety of instructional strategies in secondary education. Students will be introduced to ways of differentiating instruction and will incorporate the prevailing theories of cognition and intelligence in their practice. Field experience component.

EDUC 5060 Secondary Students with Special Needs (3)

A study of identification and diagnostic techniques for secondary teachers as related to areas of exceptionality among students, alternative styles of teaching to meet special needs, and related legal issues.

EDUC 5700 Student Teaching (12)

Secondary preservice teachers are placed in a local high school for a minimum of twelve weeks, gradually assuming total responsibility for their classes. They will participate in classroom teaching and observation, planning and evaluation conferences, and other school related experiences with guidance provided by the cooperating teachers and College supervisor. Several seminars will be held in conjunction with these experiences and will address a variety of topics. Portfolio elements required.

EDUC 6011 Assessment and Accountability (3)

This course is designed to acquaint students with the basic principles of assessing learning using many different techniques and strategies. Among the areas addressed will be theory, methods, standardized tests, and fundamental statistical concepts. In addition the students will study testing, grading, ethical considerations, and current issues in educational assessment.

EDUC 6020 Educational Technology (3)

Connecting technology with teaching and research. Use of audio, video, and computers to increase learning, teacher efficiency and research capabilities.

EDUC 6030 Problems in Reading (3)

A study of adolescent students with reading problems. This course addresses reading skill development in special populations including those with limited English abilities, problems in content reading assignments, and nonreaders in the secondary school setting. Special attention is given to developing strategies for teaching reading and writing in secondary school curriculum to readers at various skill levels. Students from the M.A.T. and M.Ed. program will work together in developing resources for effective teaching based on the Georgia QCC objectives and standards from IRA and NCTE.

EDUC 6040 Foundations of Curriculum and Instruction (3)

This course provides candidates with an overview of the theories and models that have shaped the way curricula have developed and the way processes, tools, and applications affect instructional practices. The course examines current educational issues that continue to shape curriculum and instruction in our schools.

EDUC 6050 Historical Perspectives of Education (3)

This course uses an historical lens to explain why educational practices are as they are today. The course includes primary research with historical material.

EDUC 6060 Literature Across the Curriculum (3)

This course is designed to examine literature genres and current trends in children's and adolescents' literature with special focus on integrating the curriculum through books. Some emphasis will be placed on ways to select books wisely for instruction, pleasure, and enrichment. Other components include designing lessons and instructional resources using Georgia QCC objectives, award winning books, and standards from IRA and NCTE.

EDUC 6070 Contemporary Issues in Curriculum and Instruction (3)

This course focuses primarily on curriculum and explores issues in curriculum and instruction from an educational literature perspective. Students will investigate curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation as well as local and national standards. Students will utilize texts and professional journals to become knowledgeable practitioners with regard to curriculum and instruction.

EDUC 6080 Differentiated Instruction and Student Diversity (3)

This course affirms student diversity and addresses the need for teachers to use a variety of instructional strategies. Teachers will explore ways of differentiating instruction and will incorporate prevailing theories of cognition and intelligence in their practice. The course will address issues that may lead to Graduate Field Projects.

EDUC 6080L Graduate Field Project (0)

Project proposal preparation.

EDUC 6090 Educational Research (3)

This course focuses upon theory, methods, and basics of educational research. Students explore the inquiry process, fundamental statistics, and consider issues of reliability and validity. Use of Galileo, references and resources, statement of a problem, expression of hypotheses, research design, organizing the review of literature, gathering data, basic statistical analysis of data, reporting and discussing findings, and drawing conclusions are components of the course. Candidates will consider research opportunities for their Graduate Project.

EDUC 6300 Seminar: Education (3)

Designed to meet individual needs of graduate students.

PSYC 5504 Advanced Educational Psychology (3)

A seminar course with emphasis upon motivation, methods of learning, ability level, behavioral characteristics, and individual differences.

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